

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed November 26, 2004. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-21 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-6, 9-11, 15 and 18-20 were rejected. Claims 7, 8, 12-14, 16, 17, and 21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1 - 4

Claims 1 - 4 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,109,435 issued to Thomas K. Lo et al. ("Lo et al.").

Claims 1 - 4 have been cancelled.

Claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 18 - 20

Claims 5, 6, 10, and 18-20 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,063,603 issued to Peter J. Burt ("Burt") in view of Lo et al. Claims 9, 11 and 15 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burt and Lo et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,692,806 issued to Charles H. Anderson et al. ("Anderson et al.").

Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 21, which the Examiner has said to be allowable, as well as the limitations of intervening Claim 20. For this reason, Claim 5 and its dependent claims are allowable.

Claims 20 and 21 have been cancelled.

New Claim 22

Claim 22 is requested to be added. Support for Claim 22 is on page 23, last paragraph, and in other places in the detailed description.

Change of Correspondence Address

Applicants respectfully request that all papers pertaining to the above-captioned patent application be directed to Customer No. 31625 and all telephone calls should be directed to Ann C. Livingston at 512.322.2634. Applicants enclose a Change of Correspondence Address for with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's records.

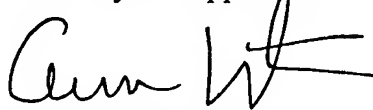
CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all pending claims as amended.

Applicants enclose a Petition for Two Month Extension of Time as well as a check in the amount of \$225.00 for the extension fee. Applicants believe that no further fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2634.

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